

**RAIL SERVICE COMPETITION COUNCIL  
COAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**November 17, 2008  
1:00pm – 2:00pm**

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**RSCC COAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Evan Barrett (Chair),  
Mike Scanlan and Gloria O'Rourke.

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**Coal Shipping**

**Goal 4: Enhance access to both local, short line rail service, and national rail service for Montana's coal keeping it competitive in both the booming national and international marketplace.**

Objectives:	Action Items:	Responsible Parties:	Estimated Costs:	Projected Deadlines:
4.1 Explore ways to increase existing rail service capacities and to develop new rail service capacities for coal shipments to both growing national and international markets.	4.1.1 Develop an effective partnership with BNSF to address the need for expanding rail service capacities for Montana's growing coal industry.	4.1.1 RSCC Coal Subcommittee		Ongoing
	4.1.2 Develop new partnerships to address the growing need for spur development from new and/or expanding mining sites to national rail service providers.	4.1.2 Governor's Office of Economic Development and Energy and Promotion Division of Commerce		Ongoing
	4.1.3 Provide information to the Governor's Office of Economic Development to bring pressure on the inactive STB to address issues concerning shipping rates, etc.	4.1.3 Incorporate Coal with Ag in the Final Offer Arbitration involve Sen. Tester; Terry Whiteside, Alliance for Rail Service Competition		Ongoing
	4.1.4 Provide information to the Governor's Office of Economic Development office to bring information to the legislature to quantify the impact of Montana's Coal Severance Tax on the competitiveness of the state's coal.	4.1.4 Center for Applied Economic Research - Scott Rickard Study	Already expended	January 09